

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 8 and 29. These sheets, which include Figs. 8 and 29, replace the original sheets including Figs. 8 and 29.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 6, 12-14, 20, and 23-28 are presently active in this case, Claims 6, 12, 13, 14 and 20 having been amended and Claims 1-5, 7-11, 15-19, 21 and 22 canceled by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Figures 8 and 29 were objected to as requiring the label --PRIOR ART--. Claims 11-13, 19, 21 and 23 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but otherwise indicated as including allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form. The remaining Claims 1-10, 14-18, 20, 22 and 24-28 were rejected based on prior art grounds under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 103.

In response to the objection to the drawings, submitted herewith is a separate letter submitting replacement drawings for Figures 8 and 29, wherein these drawings have been amended to include the legend --PRIOR ART--. Accordingly, the objection to the drawings is believed to have been overcome.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that Claims 11-13, 19, 21 and 23 include allowable subject matter. In light of this indication, and in order to expedite issuance of a patent from the present application, Claim 6 has been amended to include the features of allowable Claim 7 and Claims 12 and 13 have been amended to be dependent upon amended Claim 6. Claim 14 has been amended to include the features of allowable Claim 19. Claim 20 has been amended to include the features of allowable Claim 21. In view of these changes, upon entry of the present amendment the independent Claims 6, 14, and 20 each include subject matter indicated as being allowable, and the remaining claims have either been canceled or amended to depend from an allowable independent claim. The

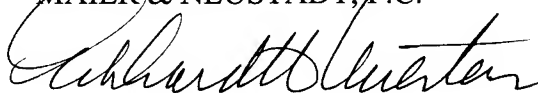
canceled claims have been canceled without prejudice, subject to Applicants' right to file a continuation directed thereto.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance.

An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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